



DODGE COUNTY EXTENSION EDUCATION COMMITTEE OF THE DODGE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING

March 15, 2021

The Dodge County Extension Education Committee of the Dodge County Board of Supervisors met Monday, March 15, 2021 at 8:30 a.m. on the 1st Floor Auditorium in the Dodge County Administration Building, 127 East Oak Street, Juneau, WI. With proper signage posted, the meeting was moved to Room 1B/1C directly across the hall prior to call to order.

CALL TO ORDER: Chairperson Allen Behl – District 19, called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m. with the following members present: Jenifer Hedrick (present via Zoom) – District 22; Travis Schultz – District 25; Annette Thompson – Dodge County School District Superintendent.

Also present: Extension Dodge County department lead Tracy Malterer.

Also present via Zoom: Area Extension Director Jeff Hoffman; Kimberly Lafler, FoodWise Nutrition Educator; Caitlin Richardson, FoodWise Nutrition Coordinator; Marie Witzel, Positive Youth Development Educator; and Amanda Young, Dairy and Livestock Educator.

Absent: Naomi Kriewald (excused) – District 9; Pattie Carroll, Human Development & Relationships Educator

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Chairperson Behl asked for grammar corrections and clarification in the word “association” within the Positive Youth Development written educator report in the February 15th minutes, second sentence, “She has completed 4 team award applications for the *her association* and 3 were confirmed as the state winner and will go on to National.” Per Marie Witzel, the words “her association” were clarified to read, “the Wisconsin Association of Extension Youth Development Professionals.” The correction was made and by unanimous consent, the February 15, 2021 minutes were accepted as presented.

REVIEW OF DEPARTMENT REVENUE AND EXPENSES: Review and discussion of the Division of Extension - Dodge County revenues and expenses for February 2021 as presented.

APPROVAL OF PER DIEMS OF EXTENSION EDUCATION COMMITTEE FOR FEBRUARY 15, 2021: Chairperson Behl reviewed the per diem sheets as listed. Motion by Schultz, second by Behl to approve per diems as presented. Motion carried 4-0.

UPDATE ON DIVISION OF EXTENSION FROM AREA DIRECTOR: Hoffman introduced the 2020 Extension Dodge County Annual Report that each Committee member received in their packet. He also introduced the video presentation that will be delivered to the March 15th County Board meeting. *Hoffman was excused from the meeting at 8:55 a.m.*

CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL TO ACCEPT THE EXTENSION DODGE COUNTY 2020 ANNUAL REPORT: Motion by Hedrick, second by Thompson to approve the Extension Dodge County 2020 Annual Report as presented in print and video form. Motion carried 4-0.

SHORT ORAL REPORTS BY EXTENSION EDUCATORS:

Kimberly Lafler, FoodWise Educator & Caitlin Richardson, FoodWise Coordinator - FoodWise educator Kimberly Lafler and Coordinator Caitlin Richardson presented background information about the FoodWise program. They also updated the committee with current statistics regarding program participation and partnerships. Both explained how the program is working currently during the pandemic compared to what has happened pre-pandemic. Richardson explained what the program will look like during the next fiscal year, with the main change being extra focus on building relationships with

partners. The pair left the committee with some questions to answer which will help inform the focus of the programming efforts for the next three years.

Thompson was excused from the meeting at 9:15am

Marie Witzel, Positive Youth Development Educator –Marie Witzel reported on the 4-H Leaders Association meeting via Zoom in February. She had a training on virtual learning and one of the activities she led was highlight/lowlight/insights, and clubs shared some great programs and activities they had completed in the last few months. They also shared some challenges of not meeting in person. Marie shared information with them from UW-Madison administration, and we are seeing some changes for April and maybe more for July. The third round of 4-H kits will be distributed this week, and Tracy was able to negotiate on behalf of this program to purchase the tote bags at half the cost since the order had been changed a couple of times. It looks like the April participation in this program is increasing, and we anticipate over 80 kits in the project areas of Cloverbuds, Home Environment and Agriculture. Witzel also shared the results of the Thrive Survey that youth participated in Dodge County. Survey results were also shared in the *Extension Dodge County 2020 Annual Report* and with 4-H families. Next month Witzel will teach with a team Positive Youth Development colleagues at the National Positive Youth Development Conference.

Amanda Young, Dairy and Livestock Educator – Young discussed some of the programs she has been working on. The first is the *Badger Dairy Insight* series that started in December and continues to run through the end of March featuring state specialists and county educators. There are 2 webinars left in this program series featuring heifer development and robotic dairy management. Second, Young discussed a marketing program she is working on with Area 16 and 14 colleagues entitled, "Marketing with Confidence." This will be a Zoom program on alternating Tuesdays and Thursdays for crops and livestock marketing. Next, Young discussed the Small Ruminant program she spoke at about ethnic marketing in the lamb, goat, and mutton markets. Finally, Young discussed the Youth Tractor Safety Certification course she is co-hosting this month (March) with Marie Witzel. This course will meet the state and federal guidelines for youth tractor and machinery certification for 12 to 16-year old youth. This year's program is a mix of virtual (in-person) programming, self-study, and hands-on driving tests. We are excited to be having 32 youth completing the course this year.

NEXT MEETING DATE: Chairperson Behl thanked Committee members and educators who took the Doodle poll to explore alternate meeting times. Supervisor Schultz shared that his work schedule has changed and he will be able to return to attend Committee meetings as scheduled on the third Monday of the month at 8:30am.

The next regularly scheduled Extension Education Committee meeting is Monday, April 19, 2021 at 8:30 a.m. in the 1st Floor Auditorium of the Dodge County Administration Building at 127 East Oak Street, Juneau, Wisconsin.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business to come before this Committee, the meeting was adjourned by Chairperson Behl at 9:40 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Naomi Kriewald, Secretary



Allen Behl, Chairperson